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RICHARD MERRIMAN, convention song leader

Marvin Eckfeldt of Milwaukie provided piano accompaniment at convention song services.

N. C. C. QUARTET

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (below)

Music Contributes to Convention Success

The 1956 Turner Convention was a musical convention. Richard Merriman, minister at Redmond, led the group singing in a manner to inspire enthusiastic comments from convention delegates. Even a casual observer could not fail to note that the assembly put its whole voice into the singing just as Richard Merriman put his whole body and vitality into the leading. Oregon Christians indeed enjoy their convention song services, as evidenced by the volume of harmonious notes lifted from their throats.

Particularly dramatic and effective was the convention hymn, "Heralds of Passion." Some of the power of this hymn must be attributed to the accompaniment. Mrs. Elton Benedict of Salem (or occasionally Mrs. Ansel Hyland of Eugene) played the electric organ. Marvin Eckfeldt of Milwaukie (or occasionally Mrs. Elery Parrish) accompanied at the piano.

The special music was of high quality and satisfying quantity. The N.C.C. Quartet lent their pleasing voices to various sessions. Church choirs, such as that of Salem First Christian Church or the Eugene First Christian Church, supplied outstanding music. At the Thursday night session, for example, the Eugene choir, under the direction of Maude Skaggs Woodyard, presented a sacred concert of several numbers, one of which included a violin obligato played by Martha Crumroy, N.C.C. student from Eugene. Miss Crumroy is the daughter of Otto Crumroy, who is well known as a preacher and worker in Western Oregon churches.

Editor Comments on 1956 Turner Convention

Besides the more obvious items which made this year's state convention outstanding (such as the addresses and special music) there were some less obvious things which the editor liked.

- The many children in evidence on the Turner grounds. They are a sign of vitality in our brotherhood, when parents think enough of the convention to take their children to it. Let us wish the ministers' wives success in their project to secure nursery service at next year's convention.
- The scattering of business meetings to permit several short sessions for meeting a heavy business schedule, in place of one long session.
- The feeling of brotherly love that abounded.
- The worship services.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS SELECTED AT TURNER

At the Turner business sessions, Aldis Webb, pastor at Tillamook, was elected president of the new organization, Oregon Christian Convention. Orville Mick, (Allison Park, Eugene, minister) is the first vice president. Mrs. Ola Smith (Mallory Avenue, Portland) is second vice president. Kenneth Johnston (Kern Park, Portland) is business manager; Wayne Greene (Salem) is program chairman.

To fill the Board of Directors, which exercises the governing power of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, the following directors were elected: Dr. C. R. Beatty, Kern Park, Portland; Elby Boosinger, Forest Grove; Gene Chamberlain, Southeast, Portland; Wayne A. Greene, Salem First; Lester Jones, Albany First; Dr. Victor P. Morris, Eugene First; Mrs. Roland Moshier, Springfield; William Siefke, Harrisburg; L. O. White, Lebanon; E. Lee Doty, Tillamook.

Walter Naff, Coquille; Len Fishback, Burns; Russell Myers, The Dalles; Cecil Bever, Bend; Frank Fortna, Grants Pass; Wm. C. Piper, Medford First; Donald Payne, Pendleton; Gene Robinson, La Grande; B. Ross Evans, Seaside; Elery Parrish, Newberg; H. V. Johnson, Jr., Eugene First.

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ALDIS WEBB, minister at Tillamook, is the newly elected president of the Oregon Christian Convention.

Letter Lauds Convention Program Committee

P. O. Box 296
Heppner, Oregon

Dear Editor:

I am wondering how many people who attended the 1956 Oregon Christian Convention at Turner really appreciated the efforts of the program committee. They did a masterful work in selecting the program personnel. From the morning devotionals until the benediction at night it was a dynamic spirtual feast.

God can bless such a spirit of mutual understanding and brotherly love as was shown in personal living at Turner. Personally, I have never been so challenged by a convention of our people as by this one. I have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ brought with such conviction as each of the special speakers did so beautifully.

Coming back to Oregon after five years in another state, I found that this convention renewed my faith in our people. Trution renewed my faith in our people. Truly they have the ability to disagree without being disagreeable. This state has an example for our brothers in Christ throughout the U.S.A. I am proud to be in Oregon once again.

Yours in Christ, Sincerely,
Charles V. Knox, Minister
Heppner Church of Christ

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CONVENTION SPEECHES DRAW ACCLAIM

Oregon Christians were enthusiastic about this year's Turner Convention. Typical of the comments was the tribute by John Stone, Canby minister: "Best convention in many years . . . better spirit . . . outstanding messages." Ivan Correll, Albany Eastside minister, spoke for many when he said, "I have not been in a convention before like this in which I have been so challenged by the speakers."

For the benefit of those who could not attend the convention and for those who did not take notes, the **Oregon Christian** supplies excerpts from some of the speeches at Turner. Obviously these cannot do justice to the speakers, but they will give a sample of the flavor. The reader should remember that these sentences have been lifted from context and therefore should not evaluate the speaker solely on the basis of these stray expressions.

Editor's note: The reporter was unable to hear all the convention speakers or all the speeches of any one person on the program. Undoubtedly there were many other points, and other speeches besides those selected here, that were worthy of note. Here, as far as space is available and to the extent that the reporter was able to record, are samples of Turner addresses.

William Hall: Jesus was not crucified for saying, Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. He was crucified for saying, Look at the thieves in the temple, how they steal.

Dean McCaw: We should sustain our preachers so that they don't **have** to preach at once, the minute they are out of school—we should sustain them so that they will be able to have a period of internship under the leadership of an experienced pastor.

Dean McCaw: These are days when God's men deserve the best training of any men . . . The "simple gospel" cannot be told by simple-minded people.

Dean McCaw: Young people are not receiving as good a basic education as they should be receiving.

Ting Champie: We talk big in our brotherhood about evangelism, but we have an average of only seven baptisms per church per year.

Dean McCaw: It is a **shame** that the standards for training Christian ministers are so much lower than those for training rabbis . . . It is a shame to preach the gospel in the same fashion that it was preached on the frontier — 100 - or even 40 — years ago.

William Hall: We (the U.C.M.S.) now give a psychiatric examination to all missionary candidates. The value is demonstrated by the fact that after the board sent out 10 missionaries against the advice of the psychiatrist, 7 are now home for good and the other 3 are in serious doubt.

Ting Champie: We go to great lengths to save a life; 3000 people in a Kansas town joined hands on the prairie to find a lost boy. But we couldn't get 3000 people in a city as big as Portland to find a lost soul.

Ting Champie: There are two false ideas about Christianity: if you are good, you are saved; if you have joined the church, you are saved.

William Hall: How does a man save his soul in a world of hungry people? By identifying himself with some of the suffering of the world.

Dean McCaw: If you believe that God loves you and you love Him, then prove it by loving your neighbor.

Dean McCaw: Many Christians are attempting to oversimplify Christianity . . . Christians need to become more profound. Every time we treat Jesus in a shallow fashion we recrucify Him.

Ting Champie: We have time for everything except the business of saving a soul.

William Hall: The Christian religion is the only one that dares to face the fact of human suffering . . . **Wrong!** Suffering is as much a part of Christianity today as it ever was . . . A man has to deliberately take upon himself some of the suffering of the world.

William Hall: We now give $1 a year per member; we ought to be giving $1 a month per member . . . Let us be mature men in our giving — not children that need to be tickled, coaxed, pleased.

William Hall: Don't most of our churches take 95 per cent of their own energy just to keep their own wheels turning?

TING CHAMPIE, convention speaker (minister at Broadway Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas), converses with Goldie Ruth Wells.

MRS. ROBERT NEAL, president of the ministers' wives' organization, is pictured here at the N.C.C. banquet at Turner Convention, in the middle of the group. Left to right, the group includes Bill Richardson, professor at N.C.C.; Don Helseth, Corvallis minister and president of the N.C.C. Alumni Association; Mrs. Don Helseth; Mrs. Neal; Robert Neal, pastor at Grants Pass; and Ed Eldridge, N.C.C. field representative.

MINISTERS' WIVES PLAN NURSERY FACILITIES FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION

Ministers' wives at Turner Convention held a breakfast meeting at the Golden Pheasant in Salem, where they formed an organization, elected officers, and decided upon projects for the coming year.

Mrs. Robert Neal, Grants Pass, was elected president. Mrs. Lawrence Porter, Corvallis (wife of the minister of students, Corvallis Christian House) was elected vice president, and Mrs. Charles Knox, Heppner, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Two meetings are planned for the coming year: a luncheon at the annual Preachers' Parliament in Eugene and a breakfast meeting at next year's Turner Convention. Projects for next year include raising money for new trays for the Turner dining hall and securing facilities for a nursery at next year's Turner Convention.

Mrs. Neal, president, reports that the group desires "to create a better spirit among ministers' wives."

NEWS and PICTURE DEADLINE AUGUST 15

CEDAR HILLS CHURCH STARTS BUILDING

Ground was broken for construction of the Cedar Hills Christian Church building on Sunday, July 15. The ceremony followed a dedicatory program at the building site on Walter Road in the Cedar Hills area west of Portland.

Edwin Reed, chairman of the board of the Cedar Hills church, presided over the program from a makeshift platform, the bed of a truck. Folding chairs, parked cars, and the new Kern park church-school bus provided seating for the audience of nearly 100 people.

Elmer Boyer, pastor of the Cedar Hills church, extended the official welcome, and Jerome Jones gave a brief history of the Cedar Hills church. Greetings from the Portland Christian churches were brought by Kenneth Johnston, Kern Park pastor, and greetings from the Oregon State Missionary Society were brought by Charles Addleman. Dr. Myron Cole, pastor of First Christian Church in Portland, gave the message of consecration and dedication. Marion Nilsson, Mallory Avenue pastor, read the scripture.

The first shovel of dirt was turned by Mrs. A. F. Van Slyke, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jones. Mrs. Van Slyke is wife of the late A. F. Van Slyke, first minister of the Cedar Hills congregation.

The Cedar Hills congregation met in homes during 1952. In 1953 a building site was selected and lots were bought with the aid of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention. As the congregation grew, meetings took place in the Cedar Hills School and, later, in the Barnes School, near the building site.

The lots are regarded as choice ones, because of the view from them and because of their strategic location in a rapidly expanding residential area.

The Oregon Christian Missionary Society is assisting the Cedar Hills church, not only in payments upon the lots but also in enabling the congregation to get a loan from the Board of Church Extension. The new building, together with land, will be worth $30,000. The Portland area churches are helping to underwrite the loan.

GROUND BREAKING at the building site for the new Cedar Hills church building is done by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Jones and Mrs. A. F. Van Slyke.

Robt. Gainer Photo

At the FORMAL DEDICATION of the new 66-passenger church-school bus leaders in the program at Kern Park Church in Portland, stand beside the bus. The congregation formally dedicated the new GMC-Superior Coach after the morning worship services, June 24. Those pictured are Kenneth Johnston, minister; Mrs. Robert Gainer, chairman transportation committee; Robert Mulkey, assistant minister; and Arthur Holden, vice-chairman, church board.

STATE OFFICE REPORTS SOME MINISTER CHANGES

Robert Richter is the new Director of Christian Education at Portland First. James Pfouts of Waynetown, Indiana, is the new minister at Hermiston. Ray Helseth of Kimberly, Idaho, is the new minister at McMinnville. Don Whitney, formerly at Fall City, is the new minister at Port Orford Community Church. B. Ross Evans, who has been in the evangelistic field, is the new minister at Seaside.

Earl Sample Ordained at Modesto Service

On June 24, 1956, Earl L. Sample of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, was ordained to the ministry, in an ordination service held at the First Christian Church of Modesto, California, which is the home church of Mr. Sample.

Mr. W. R. Baird, Sr., minister of the Modesto church, conducted the service and chose for his topic, "Preach the Word." Mr. Dale Sherwood, associate minister of the church, offered the prayer of dedication. Mr. Robert H. Wing, director of music for the local church, sang "Take My Life" for the consecration hymn.

Mrs. Gilbert Kistler, of Eugene, Oregon, also sang "Oh, Lord, Most Holy" accompanied by Mrs. Freda C. Bert on the organ and Miss Fern Woodworth supplied the violin obligato. Three elders from the Myrtle Creek Church assisted in the ordination service, as well as Roy E. Greenlee, chairman of the official board and Elmer Mattox, chairman of the elders, of the Modesto Church.

Earl has been studying at Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon. He is married to the former Barbara Bailey, and they have two children.

He was called to the Myrtle Creek, Oregon, church after about a year at the Zion Church in Oregon. It is the desire of the Myrtle Creek Church that Earl continue as its full time pastor.

Robt. Gainer Photo

A farewell reception was held in the Kern Park church Fellowship Hall for the Earle Van Slyck family on Sunday evening, July 8. Mr. and Mrs. Van Slyck and their children are moving to Eugene, where Mr .Van Slyck plans to enter Northwest Christian College this fall to train for the ministry. Pictured above are, back row, left to right: Ray C. Smith, ad-interim minister at Kern Park at the time the Van Slycks became members, Mr. Earle Van Slyck, Mrs. Van Slyck, and Kenneth Johnston, the present minister. Front row: Barbara, Richard and Terry Van Slyck.

Redmond Elder Honored

Robert Maxwell, recently elected elder of the Redmond Christian Church and Oregon's only living holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, was chosen by the American Battle Monument Commission of Washington, D. C., to help dedicate two new cemeteries in France. July 23 he was scheduled to assist in the dedication of Etinal Cemetery at Toul, France, and July 26, the Draguignan Cemetery at Nice, France.

NORTHWEST YOUTH RALLY
AUGUST 27-28, 1956

Youth from the Christian Churches of the Northwest will gather in Portland, at the Central Christian Church on Monday evening and all day Tuesday, August 27 and 28, for the annual Northwest Youth Rally. This annual rally is sponsored by the young people of the Central Christian Church.

Youth from as far north as Seattle, Washington, and as far south as Klamath Falls, Oregon, will be in attendance. Outstanding features of the session will be the opening session message by Mitsu Higa, Okinawa Christian student from San Jose Bible College, Tuesday messages by Bob Mulkey of the Kern Park Church in Portland, and George Knox, new minister of the Westside Church in Roseburg, and the Youth Banquet prior to the closing Tuesday night session. Bob John, minister of the Trent, Oregon, Church will be the banquet speaker.

Two special features of the session will be in the form of discussion panels. One panel will be conducted by three Christian business men: Ray Hewitt, a college professor from Corvallis, Oregon; Byron Meek, business man from the Central Church in Portland; and Jim Stock, a lumber industry man from Sweet Home, Oregon. The other panel will be composed of representatives from our three Bible Colleges here on the Pacific Coast: Bill Richardson of Northwest Christian College, Boyd Lammiman of Puget Sound College of the Bible, and President William Jessup, of San Jose Bible College.

Housing will be furnished by the host church. Details may be secured by contacting the Central Church in Portland. A large group of youth is expected to attend.

LYLE BRENNEMAN, pictured above in the center foreground with his wife and infant daughter, was ordained at the First Christian Church in Silverton. Left to right in the back row are Russell Myers, the ordination speaker; Charles Addleman, who gave the ordination charge; I.M. Nelson, the host minister in charge of ceremonies; and Gerald Sawyer, who brought the special music. In the center row are the participating elders: Dick Rasar (Glenwood), Ira Loran (Silverton), Otto Crumroy (Eugene First), Linn Neal (Silverton), and Francis Frasieur (Glenwood). Frank Powell of Silverton, who also participated, is not in the picture.

JOHN IHLE, associate minister at Forest Grove.

Forest Grove Names Associate Minister

Beginning July 1, John Ihle, a recent graduate of Northwest Christian College, assumed the responsibilities of the newly created position of Associate Minister in the First Christian Church of Forest Grove. Mr. Ihle has been working in the church at Forest Grove part time as youth director for the past year and one-half. Now his responsibilities have been expanded to the point that they will require full-time work.

Mr. Ihle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ihle of Longview, Washington. He grew up in that city, attending the Longview schools and the First Christian Church of Longview, where James E. Whitaker is minister. Recently Mr. Ihle was married to the former Shirley Goff of Forest Grove, who has been a student at the University of Oregon and NCC They will be living and working in Forest Grove before going on to seminary, during which time Mrs. Ihle will be finishing her preparation for teaching at Pacific University. The church recently purchased a house and lot next door to the church property for future expansion and parking. In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Ihle will be living in the house, which the men of the church redecorated.

While he was attending Northwest Christian College, Mr. Ihle was granted a scholarship provided by the First Christian Church of Portland and a music scholarship provided by the school. During his senior year he served as Student Body President.

C.W.F. OFFICERS, newly elected and installed during the state conventions at Turner, are pictured here with visitors during their planning retreat, held at Murphy's cabin beside Odell Lake. Left to right, they are (front row) Mrs. Russell Myers, director of worship, The Dalles; Mrs. Cecil Bever, district 8 secretary, Bend; Mrs. C. A. Dyck, district 5 secretary, Eugene; Mrs. Dilasi Solomon, missionary from India; Mrs. H. J. Feldman, district 3 secretary, Forest Grove; Mrs. C. P. Smith, district 1 secretary; Mrs. Ralph Ingwerson, second vice president, Springfield. Second row, Mrs. Leo Quakenbush, treasurer, McMinnville; Mrs. J. P. Clark, district 6 secretary, Ashland; Mrs. I. R. Utterback, district 2 secretary, Salem; Mrs. E. J. Youngstrom, president, Portland; Mrs. John W. Jordan, member International C.W.F. Commission, Albany; Mrs. Edna L. Burke, executive secretary, Eugene. Last row, Mrs. W. R. Terhune, district 4 secretary, Jefferson; Mrs. Guy Wrinkle, district 7 secretary. Mrs. O. L. Wiltsie, recorder, Salem, could not be present for the picture. Mrs. E. C. Gilbert of Corvallis, director of study, was also absent, as she is touring in Europe with her husband.

ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report covers the period from June 17 through July 13, 1956. I served as Business Manager for the Northwest Oregon Chi Rho Camp at Arrah Wanna; visited two sessions of the Washington State Convention at Vancouver; visited the morning church service at Dallas and held a conference with the elders; shared in the reception for Ray Helseth and family at McMinnville.

Attended the Oregon State Convention at Turner, the Executive Committee meeting of the Oregon Temperance League, a meeting of the Portland Area Christian ministers, the Board of Directors meeting of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, attended a board meeting of the St. Helens church and held a conference with the elders. Supplied the pulpit at Nyssa one Sunday and held conferences with some of the members. Twelve days were spent in the office with 12 office conferences.

Chas. H. Addleman

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

An unusually large group of women attended the Christian Women's Fellowship meeting at the state convention at Turner, June 28. The message of the afternoon by Mr. William Hall, former missionary to India, was an inspiration and a challenge. The presiding officer for the business session was Miss Loma Mae Jones, substituting for Mrs. E. C. Gilbert, acting president from February to June 30, now traveling with her husband in Europe.

The main business was the election of state officers for the year 1956-57. Their names are listed under the picture above. Mrs. Clarence Smith was elected at this meeting and other district secretaries elected in the spring conventions were ratified. Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Albany, continues in her office as an International C. W. F. Commission member; Mrs. L. O. White, Lebanon, was elected for a two-year term to succeed Mrs. R. J. Griffeth, Eugene. By virtue of their offices Mrs. Youngstrom, state president, and Mrs. Edna L. Burke, executive secretary, are also members of the Commission. An impressive installation service was conducted by Mrs. Ray Hewitt of the Corvallis C.W.F.

Mrs. C. C. Roberts, Eugene, was in charge of the Love Gift presentation and consecration service. A most effective worship center comprised of a world globe and an illuminated cross was arranged so that the shadow of the light from the cross fell across the world globe. During the singing of an appropriate hymn, representatives from Christian Women's Fellowships of the state went forward and placed their offering in the plates at the foot of the cross. Our state treasurer, Mrs. Leo Quakenbush, reports that the contributions amounted to $1,349.14. With the additional amount that came in last year, it makes Oregon's total for the Love Gift $1,480.14. Invested in the lives of young people preparing for the mission field, it will be put to work at once.

The 5:00 o'clock Vesper service at the Turner church which followed the meeting in the tabernacle, was conducted by the C.W.F. of the Coquille church. Mr. Hall spoke for this service also, centering his thoughts around the Twenty-Third Psalm. The offering of $116.77 was designated for the Yakima Indian Mission under the Capital for Kingdom Building Project. It will be used to help build the new parsonage for the Norments, who will become the pastors and leaders of the new Indian church completed about two years ago.

New Chi Rho Camp Achieves Success

—By E. C. Hawkins

The new West Central Chi Rho Camp at Camp Lane, June 17th to 23, could, I believe, be called a successful camp. There were 101 young people, 16 faculty members, 16 churches represented, a C.W.F.F. offering of $91.25. There was one confession of faith, and at least ten life recruits who said "God being willing, they wanted to give their life in full time Christian work".

Those serving on the faculty were Dixie Oliver, Marjorie Morse, Mary Kleeman, Carol Eldridge, Goldie Ruth Wells and Connie Richardson, Mrs. Hawkins, camp nurse; Don Helseth, Orville Mick, Hillis Davidson, Ronald Eldridge, LeRoy Hershiser, Pete Webster, and Dave Welch; Frances Hyland and E. C. Hawkins, co-directors.

This camp was completely self-supporting in its very first year. All young people in attendance were pre-registered and camp registrations had to be closed, as facilities could not be stretched further.

It is my personal belief that most of the young people will never be quite the same again because of their camp experience, and the contact they had with this fine faculty.

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—by Elmer C. Walters

Banquet and Business at Turner

The Ninety and Nine Men's section of the Turner Convention drew to a successful conclusion at the banquet and the business meeting which followed. President Bob Pfeiffer introduced Elery Parrish, who reported on the work at the Oceanlake church. He pointed out that the Oceanlake group started two years ago this September, with Dick Larson as student pastor to serve the 18 members. As the result of the successful evangelism campaign sponsored by the Ninety and Nine Men and conducted by Elery Parrish, Larson plans to work full time in the field. The church now has 47 members.

The congregation was very thankful to the Yamhill District Ninety and Nine Men for sending down a large supply of food to help out.

The Oceanlake church has decided upon the name: North Lincoln Christian Church. The congregation has bought four lots, to provide a building site of 150 x 200 feet. It has about 90 days from the date of the Turner Convention to raise about $1500 for these lots. Financial help from the other churches throughout the state will be needed to meet this. Therefore if any of the churches have funds for home missions, here is a point that should be helped, and you the members of the churches will all be able to enjoy and feel that you have had a share in this North Lincoln Christian Church when you visit the coast.

The need in this area is the greatest in the state. In proportion to the population and number of churches of all faiths it is the most unchurched area in our state. Let us all help this worthy cause by sending our donations to them.

At Turner Ed Dewees reported that B. Ross Evans has accepted the church at Seaside full time starting August 1. It was decided at the meeting to give $25 a month to the Seaside church until the October convention to help them make ends meet.

It was announced that the place of our October Ninety and Nine Convention will be the Kern Park Christian Church, 69th and Holgate, Portland. Ed Dewees reported that the first Ninety and Nine camp was a success; 41 were in camp and several came forward, his boy being one of them.

A very inspiring message was delivered by Wayne Greene, pastor of the First Christian Church in Salem.

The needs of the camps and the helping of churches at the present time is great. Send your donations into the State Treasurer, Curtis E. Johnson, Jr., Canby, Oregon.

Dewees' Summary of Camping

The early Turner Camp to replace the camp formerly held at Wyeth and Green Point camp sites was attended by 24 boys and 17 girls. Weather was better than expected, but a bit damp in the beginning. The camp was saddened by the accidental death of Mr. Ed Tidwell of Dufur, the father of Dennis, who was enrolled in the camp. At the close of the week there were eleven of the campers who made the Good Confession.

The first attempt to hold a boys' and girls' combined camp in Coos County resulted in a small attendance but in a unique and spiritually profitable experience for the 6 boys and 6 girls who enrolled. A senior class was held by Director Clyde Blakley each morning in addition to the classes for the boys and girls; cooks, staff members, and teachers attended. The camp resulted in a real Christian Family sharing and will be long remembered by those present. Two of the boys made their Good Confession in the closing decision service. Donations of cash, food, and service held the cost of the week to a nominal figure.

The Christian Girls' Camp at Cove opened its seventh year by enrolling 63 girls and is nearing the end of a fine week as this copy is written. Thunder claps have punctuated the schedule at times, but mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures have helped to make the camp a happy one under the fine leadership of Mrs. Joe Jewett, who has been director of the camp since its beginning.

New Work in Lane County

Lynnton Elwell, president of the Lane County Convention, has announced that the Lane County Convention is spearheading two new works in Lane County: one at Mapleton with Ted Jones as minister, and the other at Rainbow Valley, with Carl Clark and Larry Lawrence sharing the work. The group at Mapleton is now organized as a church and meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall. The Rainbow Valley group, not yet formally organized, meets in the Pine Grove School.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OREGON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

JULY 1, 1955 — JUNE 30, 1956

INCOME		
From Churches	28401.56	
Bible Schools	351.46	
Women's Groups	649.68	
Individuals	110.00	29512.70
Misc. Receipts		1064.75
Book Sales		14.40
Film Rentals		94.75
Turner Grounds		357.21
Turner Convention		5499.78
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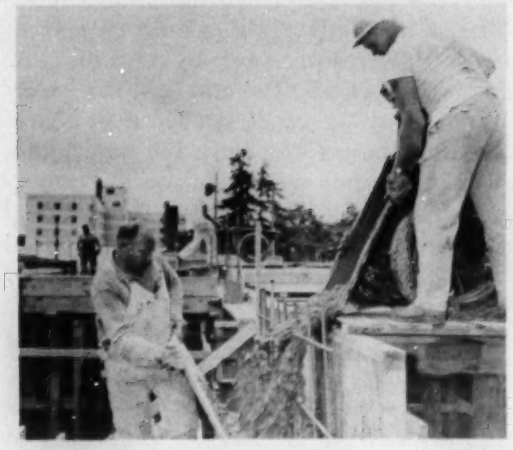
Subscriptions		961.50
Space		1830.00
U.C.M.S. (Monthly) Contribution for program of Religious Education)		2544.75
Cedar Hills Building Program		6.00
Total Income		41885.84
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries		14116.92
Pension Fund		1095.00
Swander Pension		480.00
Office Rent		1020.00
Office Supplies		1329.64
Advance Stewardship supplies		951.41
Telephone		379.03
Postage		346.41
Interest Expense:		
Banks & Individuals		322.61
Roseburg Westside		1332.53
Cedar Hills		182.64
Mortgage Reduction:		
Roseburg Westside		1667.47
Cedar Hills		657.36
Note Reduction		600.00
Expenses to Int'l and World Conventions		377.42
Home & State Missions Council		109.14
Oregon Council of Churches:		
Migrant Work - Research and Survey		150.00
Auditor's Fees		132.50
Payroll Tax Expense		120.26
State Board Expense		1534.71
Field Expense:		
Executive Secretary		1410.62
Dir. of Religious Ed.		665.07
Film Purchases & Rebate		81.64
Turner Grounds		1363.42
Turner Convention		4812.36
Oregon Christian		3766.11
Garden Church Support		110.00
Mission Church Support		3523.09
Cedar Hills Taxes		77.47
Office Equipment:		
Soundscriber & Typewriter		732.70
District Conventions		76.52
Misc. Expense		1163.33
Total Disbursements		44687.38
Total Income		41885.84
Disbursements exceed Income		2801.54

COMPARATIVE TOTALS

	1954-55	1955-56
Income	32016.96	41885.84
Increase this year in Total Income		**9868.88**

Ruth I. Crewse, Bookkeeper

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES



L. C. Pifer, superintendent of construction and Harvey Ruegsegger, N.C.C. student, combine their efforts in pouring an inside wall.

Northwest Christian College

July 11 was pouring day. From early morning until nine that night the entire crew worked to make sure that cement was properly distributed throughout all the wall forms up to the second floor. During this one day 154 yards of cement were used. You are invited to share in this project for the training of future ministers by your gifts to the Library fund.

At the time of this writing seventy-five new students have completed their applications for admission in September. All others desiring to enter should get materials completed as soon as possible. Prospects are good for a fine student body this fall.

October Brings Town and Country Church Meet

The tenth annual Oregon Town and Country Church conference has been scheduled for October 15-18 according to a recent announcement by the conference planning committee. The conference will be held on the Oregon State college campus.

Theme of the conference will be, "Knowing the Community." Persons attending the conference will have an opportunity to learn how to conduct a community survey and how to use the information once it is obtained.

Four different community surveys are now being scheduled over the state, and these will be reported at the fall conference.

The annual conference is sponsored by the Oregon Council of Churches, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Oregon State College and Extension Service, Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon State Grange, Oregon State Farmers Union, and the Oregon Home Economics Extension Council.

SHERYL YOUDE is very active in many ways in the student fellowship at Corvallis Christian House. She is the voting delegate to the national conference at Estes Park, Colorado, and she is secretary of the local Disciples Student Fellowship. She is also very active in campus affairs. She has been song leader for Waldo Hall as well as scholarship chairman. As a freshman she won the Clara H. Waldo Award for outstanding freshman women. Other honors include "Rose of Pi Kappa Phi," Talons, and Alpha Lambda Delta. She has participated in dramatics, having acted in two plays: "The Late George Apley", and "The Curious Savage," in which she played the lead.

LAWRENCE PORTER
MINISTER TO STUDENTS
CORVALLIS CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Summertime gives the minister to students an opportunity to catch up on many things: to call on married students and faculty members, to do more out-of-town work, to make contacts with new students and friends of student work, to mention only a few.

We hope several students from Corvallis will be able to go to the National Conference of the Disciples Student Fellowship at Estes Park, Colorado, the last week in August. Here they will not only receive a spiritual lift but will be taught many ways to make the campus work more effective for Christ.

We will be glad to get the names and addresses of any new students who are coming to Oregon State College this fall.

GROUP OF GRADUATING SENIORS at the Eugene Christian House Senior Supper, June 3, 1956. From left to right: John Ihle, Forest Grove; Mary Jean Smith (Mrs. Sherwood S. Smith), Cottage Grove; June Fulco (Mrs. Keith Fleshman), Grants Pass; Otis Harden, Georgia; Nashaba Husain, Pakistan; Wynn Dahlgren, California; Wally York, Arkansas; Jean Miller (Mrs. Don Burger), St. Helens; Gennie Eachus, Nyssa; Claire McLelland, Medford. Note: Jean Miller and June Fulco both have new names- see parentheses.

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS
FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Go-to-College Sunday, September 9, should be observed in every Oregon church, not just as a one-day affair, but as part of a total program to prepare youth to go away from home to college. The minister of every church should have a real heart-to-heart talk with each individual student, to give him a picture of his opportunities to be a Christian witness among his new school friends, to develop a new ability in churchmanship through his participation in the church life of the campus church (emphasis on our Christian Houses for those attending University of Oregon, Northwest Christian College, and Oregon State), and send him forth with a desire to grow in his religious life while acquiring new knowledge in the sciences and the arts.

Send names of prospective students to our Christian Houses at both campuses in Eugene and Corvallis. Tell a bit about the student to help facilitate the getting-acquainted process. Do this BEFORE the student leaves home. In other words, DO IT NOW.

Eugene invites all new students to the opening Freshman Supper at 5:30 o'clock, Sunday, September 16, and to a Freshman Week Party on Wednesday, the 19th.

Delegates Bid Farewell to Joe Wagnon, Genial Host in Dining Hall

"We'll surely miss you next year, Joe." Many comments of this nature were directed to Joe Wagnon in the convention dining hall during the recent state convention at Turner. Joe Wagnon, until recently minister at Coburg, will indeed be missed at next year's state convention. He has moved to Idaho to assume the pastorate at Weiser, effective July 8. Mr. Wagnon was well known to many who have never seen his church, because he and his helpers cooked and served the food which Turner conventioners consumed in the dining hall.

On the average Mr. Wagnon's crew served 125 people at each meal during the convention. At the 1955 convention the enterprise netted $150 in profit, all of which went into the convention general fund. Incidentally, that was the first year in which the dining hall really paid. This year's convention should equal or surpass last year's records, according to all indications.

Mr. Wagnon's crew this year consisted of his indispensable helper, Mrs. Wagnon, and Mrs. Lena Jones, Eva Mae Jones, Margaret Jones (all of Coburg), and Frances Moore (Eugene); Homer Todd (Milwaukie), Bob Caudill, the three Wagnon children, and one of the Moore children, (all of Coburg).

Mr. Wagnon established a respectable record as a preacher as well as a dining-hall manager. In 1944, during the first 6 months the average attendance at Coburg was 144. During the first 6 months of 1956 the average attendance was 179. Last year there were 37 baptisms and 22 additions by transfer. The Lane County Convention honored him by electing him president the past two years.

Wishes for continued success and thanks for past services accompany Joe as he begins his new ministry at Weiser.

JOE AND MRS. WAGNON take time from their tasks in the convention dining hall to pose for the photographer. The Wagnons left Coburg in July, to take a pastorate in Idaho.

CONVENTION ADOPTS NEW CONSTITUTIONS

At the first business sessions of the Turner Convention, June 27, two new constitutions were adopted by almost unanimous vote. The constitutions are the same, aside from minor amendments made on the convention floor, as those printed in the January and February issues of the **Oregon Christian.**

The Oregon Christian Convention, which has been described as a "reporting" agency, receives title to the Turner grounds, free of encumbrance except for a $1200 note. This note represents expenditures in connection with grounds improvements at Turner several years ago, particularly the cost of connecting up with the city of Turner's new water system.

The Oregon Christian Missionary Society, which has been described as an organization for doing missionary work, assumes all other assets and liabilities of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society car-

Effective with the close of the 1956 Turner Convention, the organization known for many years as Oregon Christian Missionary Convention no longer exists. The Orego Christian Missionary Society carries out all the functions of the old organization except for the annual state convention and the Turner grounds. The latter two are administered by the Oregon Christian Convention.

REGISTRARS, pictured above are from the three churches winning the registration trophies for the State Convention at Turner. Left to right they are: Mrs. Ralph Payne, assistant registrar for Kern Park church; Mr. Clifford Bates, registrar for Southeast church in Portland; and Mrs. Mary Buell, registrar for Southwest church in Portland. Mr. Henry Moar, Kern Park's registrar, was unable to be present for the picture.

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8 Resolutions Pass; One Defeated

Nine resolutions came up for consideration at Turner business sessions. There was little or no opposition to the first eight and they were adopted with little delay. Resolution number nine aroused considerable opposition; it was defeated by a very large majority of negative votes. The defeated resolution called for the Oregon Christian Convention to hold its next annual meeting at Northwest Christian College and "thus give special emphasis to the Year of the Ministry."

The adopted resolutions state, in essence, the following:

Resolution 1—**Christian Ministry**—urges each congregation to "observe the Year of the Ministry through Recruiting, Educating, and Sustaining"; and recommends the formation of a Commission on Christian Ministry.

Resolution 2—**Support of Agencies and Causes**—urges congregations to give adequate financial support to the askings of the agencies and causes in Oregon, as drawn up in the statement of united askings of May 14, 1956.

Resolution 3—**Refugee Act**—calls for the Convention to petition Oregon Senators and Representatives to "use their influence to obtain an extension of the Refugee Act for one year."

Resolution 4—**Temperance**—urges congregations to "intensify their programs of temperance education and to support the efforts of the Oregon Temperance League."

Resolution 5—**Christian Brotherhood**—calls upon congregations to "move as rapidly as possible to integrate all races in the worship and work of the church."

Resolution 6—**World Peace**—urges each congregation to set up prayer and study groups to "inform our people as to the realities of the world situation, to thoroughly explore as Christians a course of action in our local church and community, and to magnify in our own lives and before our fellows the power of the living God for peace as seen in actively building for understanding, justice, well-being, good-will and brotherhood among all men."

Resolution 7—**Appreciation**—to the women of the Silverton church for the flowers, to the Zobel Piano Company of Salem for the organ and piano, to the speakers, and to others.

Resolution 8—**Future Relations and Work**—urges earnest prayer in every church and "consecrated effort with genuine support" to the advancement of the work under the new constitutions.

The Resolutions Committee was composed of Marion Nilsson (chairman), Donald Helseth, and Idella Osburn.

Around The State With The Churches

OAKRIDGE: Twenty Chi Rho young people from here attended the camp at Camp Lane. In addition to the 2 confessions on June 24, there were 7 young people who indicated, God being willing, they would give their lives for full-time Christian work. We felt this was outstanding at the very beginning of this "Year of the Ministry." We are studying building plans presented by Rolland Moshier, consultant architect from the Board of Church Extension, June 20. Pastor, Eugene C. Hawkins, was co-director and business manager for the Chi Rho camp, June 17-23, at Camp Lane.

BEND: Nine youth attended C.Y.F. conference at Camp Adams; 5 Chi Rhos went to Camp Arrah Wanna. Jack Naff preached July 1, in the absence of Pastor H. C. Bever. Naff gave a tenor concert for the evening service. Fifteen from here were at the Turner convention. Women's groups gave over $1000 to missions this year, in addition to large amounts to other causes.

EUGENE - ALLISON PARK: An excellent VBS was conducted the first of June. C.W.F. District Secretary, Mrs. Dick, installed the local C.W.F. officers, who held an all-day planning conference recently. Pastor, O. F. Mick, taught one week in Chi Rho Camp.

PORTLAND-FIRST: Robert H. Richter is off to an auspicious start as th new Minister of Christian Education. He has a fine grasp of modern educational procedures and is taking hold of the program admirably. Midsummer Educational Workers' Conference, presided over by Hugh B. Elliott, was well-attended. The youth program is attracting large numbers and plans are in the making for the Annual Youth Planning Conference held over Labor Day weekend. Karen Johnson is chairman. Pastoral selection committee is busy at work to find a successor to Myron Cole, who leaves September 15 to take up pastorate of the historic Central Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Eight added by baptism, 10 otherwise.

PORTLAND - CENTRAL: Seven added by statement. Closed an 11-week Bible School contest with First Church of Inglewood, California on June 24. Central was victorious .The closing Sunday attendance was 531. Moving pictures of all departments of the Bible School in action were taken. Average attendance during the contest was 432. The youth of Central will again be host to the Northwest Youth Rally, August 27-28. Three hundred out-of-town youth are expected to be in attendance. Key speakers include Yoshumitsu Higa, Okinawa; George Knox of Roseburg; and Bob Mulkey of Kern Park, Portland. Our planning conference was held August 3-4. Alvan L. Tiffin, minister.

NYSSA: Pastor Earl Hastings attended the National Training School for Town and Country Church Leaders at Butler School of Religion, Indianapolis, Ind. An auction sale in June netted over $1300 toward new construction for the church. Those preaching in the absence of our pastor were Dan Pennie, elder-July 1; C. H. Addleman — July 8; and H. L. Porter (father of Mrs. Hastings) — July 15 and 22. C.W.F. dedicated their service projects, July 12.

MT. VERNON: We had a good DVBS ably conducted by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Douglas Priest. The theme: Our Living Bible; the missionary project: McKinley Indian Mission. Two of our girls attended the first camp at Turner. The ladies' "Friendship Circle" invited their families to join them in a picnic at Fall Creek. Swimming and fireside singing were also enjoyed. Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, reporter. Douglas Priest, minister.

ELKTON: Fourteen young people went to Myrtle Point to camp. The church paid one-half the expenses from the offerings for camp taken at the evening service the last Sunday of the month. There is a 31 per cent increase in church-school attendance this past year. Mae Etta Hubbard, reporter. Phillip Ryan, minister.

MILWAUKIE: The very successful Parsonage Panels have been concluded with a total attendance of 350. VBS ended June 22 with an average daily attendance of 160. Over $70 was brought into the missionary offering and used to purchase chairs for the McKinley Indian mission at Toppenish, Washington. The youth night services held the last Sunday in each month have been most successful. The youth group furnished music, scripture reading, etc, and the sermon is brought by the Associate Pastor, Marvin Eckfeldt. In recent weeks we have had as guest speakers: Ralph Holcomb of Indiana, who brought us the message at the Sunday morning service; and Martin Clark, who came to our church night to tell us about the work in Japan. He has charge of the Bible School at Osaka and brought beautiful colored slides and told us about customs and conditions in that country. Mrs. Wm. Van Antwerp, reporter. Alger Fitch, pastor.

ALBANY - EASTSIDE: Two added by baptism. Attendance is holding up well. The Church has zoned East and South Albany for calling. 1956-57 program laid out and committees are working on their particular activity. Bible School average for June was 102. Ivan Correll, minister.

McKENZIE BRIDGE: Nine added by statement. Every Saturday we have worked finishing the outside of the Church. All labor is donated. We are getting ready to rededicate to God a beautiful place to worship Him, free from all indebtedness. Our church is located on the famous McKenzie River, where we have visitors from many states. The builder and pastor is F. L. Cook.

REDMOND: One added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Mrs. Josie Williams and Mrs. E. Burgess have been chosen honorary lifetime deaconesses. Mrs. Ralph Elster is the newly elected president of the Women's Council. Richard Merriman, pastor.

GLADSTONE: Four added by baptism, 3 otherwise. VBS completed with an average attendance of 85. Primary department of the Bible school saved $45 to donate to help build their new classroom. Bible

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School is holding at a 20 per cent gain over last year. Dave Kullowatz, pastor.

BAKER: We have engaged the Wells Organization to help with a building-fund canvas to begin the week of August 12. Tentative plans are that ground can be broken for the educational plant during 1957. The spirit of the church is the best it has been in many years. Joe Jewett, minister.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: Three added by baptism, 1 otherwise. At present writing excavation for our $74,000 building project has been completed. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

MILL CITY: Elders sponsored the program for the morning service, July 15, in the absence of the minister, using the theme: The Year of the Ministry. Three former NCC students, Wilma Jull Shepherd, Helen Nesby Moore and Ralph Jull, brought messages on the sub-topics: Recruit, Educate and Sustain. The evening service was in charge of the CWF; Wilma Shepherd, program leader. The theme was "Mission Field, U.S.A." Minister H. E. Jull has resigned, to take effect about September 1.

SWEET HOME: VBS attendance average was 192. July 8 we burned note of building indebtedness. Yoshimitsu Higa, ministerial student from Okinawa, spoke Sunday evening, July 1. Mrs. Higa accompanied him. Earl F. Downing, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Pastor Truman Robbins and his family are at Butler University in Indiana, taking a three-weeks resident course to earn his Master's degree. During their absence, Norman Mayberry, who was recently ordained and who is a local boy and NCC graduate, is filling the pulpit. We have two identical church services each Sunday morning, one at 8.:30 and one at 10:45 so that those working in peas and wheat harvest may attend the early service. Eleven of our girls attended camp at Cove. DVBS, June 4-15, had over 100 children registered. The young people have a recreation night each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

PORTLAND-SELLWOOD: Our DVBS was very successful, an average of 50 attending. For the DVBS program over 100 children and parents were present. Robert Clevenger, pastor.

SILVERTON: Four added by baptism. Pastor and wife were at Chi Rho Camp with one of the lady members. Took 5 youth. One hundred quarts of cherries were canned by the ladies for the Beaverton Home and for camps. I. M. Nelson, minister.

GLENDALE: Two added by baptism. Mrs. LeRoy Dixon and her son, Lee, were baptized, July 7. We are still clearing the grounds and improving the appearance. Services are much better attended than a year ago. Ida Edson, reporter. Guy L. Armstrong, minister.

PORTLAND-KERN PARK: Eight added by baptism, 4 otherwise. There were 172 additions for the year ending June 30, 1956. Dedicated a new 66-passenger G.M.C. bus on July 1. Have made a special commitment to the Oregon Christian Missionary Society of $3000, available on demand for the new Cedar Hills Christian Church. We won the state convention trophy for the largest number of registrations. Two of our finest leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Slyke, have gone to Eugene to enroll in NCC in preparation for the ministry. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

NORTH PLAINS: Women's fellowship purchased tile floor covering for our educational unit addition. The men of the church are installing the tile. John Myers, pastor.

SANTA CLARA: One added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Attendance is above average for all services and at present the Bible School attendance is running over 30 per cent above a year ago. Average attendance for the month of June was 160. On July 4 we had a work day in which we cleaned up around the church, took out and remodeled the front steps of the church, and improved the parking lot. Several of our young people have attended or will attend a summer camp this summer. Don Blakley, minister.

EUGENE - BETHEL: Two added by statement. Don Westerland, new pastor and senior at NCC, has completed first month with the congregation. Attendance has been continuing at a good average. There were 447 at VBS.

NORTH BEND: Four added by statement. There was an average daily attendance of 111 for DVBS. Pastor Clyde Blakley served as director of Myrtle - area youth camp at McKinley. Nine from here attended the Turner convention, including the pastor and his wife. The new evening service schedule, beginning with a "Singspiration," and C.E. classes for all age groups, has doubled evening attendance. The high school C. E. group has set up a scholarship fund program, for assisting NCC students. Ten per cent of all offerings, plus all offerings of one service a month, plus all profit from special projects, to be basis of fund. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter.

CORVALLIS: Four added by baptism, 2 otherwise. All-church planning conference held on July 8. Organization and plans for the new year were begun under the leadership of Claude Bryant, chairman of the board. Donald L. Helseth, minister.

ALBANY-FIRST: Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. July 8 Mr. E. W. Blehm of Harrisburg was our speaker, while Mr. Jones was preaching in Harrisburg in the absence of their pastor. Two of our young people attended Conference and eight attended Chi Rho camp at Camp Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Castle are serving full-time as assistant pastor for the summer. Lester Jones, pastor.

LOWELL: Our building program is progressing very satisfactorily. A church pot-luck was held following one regular Saturday work day. Tuesday evenings are work nights as well. Our current dilemma is what to do with a huge built-in safe door that is in the building we are wrecking. With everyone working when possible we hope to have more good building news to send later. Danny Spencer, pastor.

PORTLAND-SOUTHWEST: Brought home the trophy from the Turner convention for having the highest percentage of people registered for a church under 200 membership. Ray Zack spoke at the evening service, August 12. The Meyer Tan-Ditters will hold a one-week meeting September 16-23 during our anniversary celebration. Keith Watkins brought a challenging message on July 4. A good delegation drove to Monmouth twice to help in Elery Parrish's tent meeting. Mrs. Ivan Scott, reporter. Wayne V. Jensen, minister.

JEFFERSON: Six added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Several young people attended summer camps. The pastor, Vern Gomez, was on the faculty of several summer camps. The annual Sunday School picnic was held July 15 at Tokena Park in Albany. Attendance is holding above average of last year. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter.

MILWAUKIE—GLENCOE ROAD: We have begun work on our new building. The basement forms are being built. Saturdays are work days. Any help is appreciated. We had an eight hundred per cent increase in attendance at the state convention over last year, since the church did not exist at that time. Royal W. Gardner, pastor.

WALTON: Thirteen added by baptism. Former minister, Jack Foreman, is now serving in Caldwell, Idaho. Art Hover, NCC student, is now minister.

ROCKAWAY: Plans are going ahead for work on the building here. The building received a coat of paint and foundation work is in progress. Also a parking space off the highway is being planned in lots directly behind the church. A survey will be held soon in conjunction with a planned fall meeting. Don Summers, pastor.

HARRISBURG: During Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Siefke's sojourn in the Holy Land, the work is being carried on by Mr. and

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Around The State With The Churches

Mrs. LeRoy Hershiser, assistant pastor. Four upper Bible classes have merged to enjoy the missionary travels of Paul as portrayed by beautiful colored slides with verbal script to elucidate. Attendance is holding up for the summer months. Vivian Blehm, reporter.

VAUGHN; A very successful VBS was held June 11-24. We averaged 83 in attendance and had a good teaching staff. We entertained the Valley Singspiration, July 29. Timothy Kribs, minister.

SCIO: The VBS was well attended this year. The children presented a very nice program on the closing night and the classrooms displayed many nice handcraft objects. Our float entered in the Fat Lamb Show here was awarded second prize in the church division. Mrs. Glenn O. Clayton, reporter. William E. Hayes, minister.

PORTLAND-PARKROSE: Three added by baptism, 1 otherwise. We have raised the remainder of the money to finish the building program. DVBS completed with the highest enrollment in the history of the school. Our director was Mrs. Helen Buttice. Dallas Meserve, pastor.

OCEANLAKE: One added by baptism, 5 otherwise. We had a successful meeting with Elery Parrish which resulted in six additions and a great number of valuable contacts with people of the community. The Ninety and Nine men gave us three weeks of meetings and Brother Parrish gave us another week, which was used in intensive calling. We are confident that all of this work will prove very fruitful in the future. Richard Larson, minister.

LEBANON: Bible School and church attendance are holding up well for the summer months. The Bible school had a 13 per cent increase over last year. Word from the Tour being led by L. O. and Grace White, in Europe and the Holy Land, tells of many interesting sights and says that all are well and happy. Serving the church in their absence are Gerald Sawyer, assistant pastor, and Verna Stitt, secretary.

PORTLAND-ENGLEWOOD: We have just finished a very successful Wells' canvas which will bring $58,000 for a much-needed educational building next to the sanctuary. The congregation has voted also an increase in the budget of some $6000, making an all-time high of $21,000. C.Y.F. and Chi Rho stand at new highs in attendance and activity under the able leadership of Tom McCormick, youth director. Martin Gerrard is the new chairman of the general board and other new officers include: Mrs. Ed Dearing, president of C.W.F.; Larry Evans, chairman of the elders; Clell Liggett, chairman of deacons; and Miss Willetta Karr, president of C. Y. F. Clay J. Pomeroy, minister.

HEPPNER: Charles Knox, minister, was dean of the Cove Girls' camp. He performed the fiftieth wedding anniversary rites for his parents. His father is an elder in the church at Perkins, Oklahoma. Preached the ordination sermon for Whitfield Smith, 1956 NCC graduate from former pastorate at Colfax, Washington. Held a three-day missions emphasis with the Martin Clarks, living links of this church.

MYRTLE CREEK: Five added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Earl L. Sample was ordained at his home church at Modesto, California, June 24. Mrs. John M. Payne, reporter. Earl Sample, pastor.

PORTLAND - MALLORY AVE: Two added by baptism, 8 otherwise. Have had additions every Sunday for the past 10 weeks. Had 15 youth at Chi Rho camp and 4 at C.Y.F. conference. Mr. and Mrs. Nilsson served as counselors at Chi Rho camp held at Camp Arrah Wanna. Ralph Adams received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Oregon, June 15, and was ordained in his home church, Jerome, Idaho, June 17. He will intern in Panama, preparatory to service on the mission field. Carol Harden has been accepted as a missionary nurse volunteer in a service in Indianapolis. A very successful DVBS was held June 13-26. Marion Nilsson, minister.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY: Very successful two-week VBS June 4-15 reached 135 children, 45 of whom do not attend the Valley church. A corps of 35 teachers and assistants from the Valley Christian operated the school with Mrs. Clyde Easterly as superintendent. A bus was rented for transportation; this was considered one of the big factors in securing such a large attendance.

Two additional classes added in primary department at beginning of July. Class for young married couples which began a little over a year ago has now enrollment of 28 including several couples who previously attended nowhere.

Sunday School attendance has increased from 1955 average of 137 to 151 for first half of '56. Enrollment as of June, 1955 was 229; June 1956 is 266.

Rev. Dowell Callis will be among the teachers at Chi Rho summer conference at Cove. Additional teachers and assistants from the Valley Christian church will be Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. Frank Wimmers, Misses Deanna Long, Janice Powell and Marcia Callis.

During June the Christian Women's Fellowship served their annual smorgasbord dinner to approximately 180 guests and realized a profit of $150. Jeanette Sargeant, reporter.

Cecil Bever Presides at Business Sessions

Many favorable comments were heard on the Turner grounds concerning the planning of the business sessions. Instead of concentrating all the business into one long period, as was the custom in previous years, the program committee provided for several short business sessions evenly distributed through the week. This plan permitted the delegates to transact without fatigue the enormous volume of extra business entailed by the new constitutions.

Cecil Bever, vice president of the Convention, presided at the business sessions in the absence of L. O. White, the president, who was abroad, leading an excursion to the Holy Land.

Mr. Bever is to be congratulated for the way in which he handled a task which can be very trying. His calm and kindly disposition, together with the cooperation of the delegates, triumphed over the inherent difficulties of parliamentary procedure and led the Convention through its business sessions with a minimum of friction. He was assisted by Dr. Guy Wright of N.C.C. as parliamentarian and Secretary Ivan Correll of Albany Eastside Christian Church.

1399 Registrations Reported by Mrs. Marsh

Mrs. John Marsh, state convention registrar, reported a total of 1399 registrations for the 1956 state convention. In addition to the Oregon delegates there were 9 missionaries and 19 special workers and visitors representing 2 foreign countries, 6 states, and the District of Columbia.

The registration trophies were awarded at the Sunday afternoon session. Kern Park, with 158 registrations, received the trophy for greatest number of registrations. Portland Southeast received the trophy for churches of 200 or more members with the greatest percentage of members registered. Its score was 47 per cent. Portland Southwest, one of the newest churches in the state, received the trophy for churches under 200 members; with a total of 45 registrations, it scored 119 per cent of its membership. Two of the registrants from Portland Southwest were Emery and Ellery Killion, eight-year-old twins, who were so interested that they earned their own registration fees.

Mrs. Marsh indicated that honorable mention should go to the Glenwood church, one of the smaller churches in the state, which had approximately fifty per cent of its membership registered.

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